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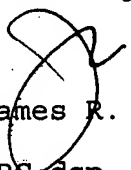
RE: Application of Jerry W. Lennon
Application of 09/733.197

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the primary doctor of Mr. Jerry W. Lennon. Mr. Lennon is undergoing treatment for advanced liver disease. As individuals respond differently to such treatments, it is uncertain how Mr. Lennon may respond to treatment including the side effects that may result from such treatment or the success of his treatments. If the treatments are not successful, the disease could continue to progress and become a serious threat to his physical health and ability to cooperate with your office.

In my professional opinion, any courtesy or consideration granted to Mr. Lennon will allow him to provide his best effort in your review process.

Sincerely,


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